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SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steamship "PATNA," 1,570 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander J. AYERS, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th April 1874, at 4 P.M.

April 1874.		April 1874.	
Leaves BOMBAY	18	Leaves Tuticorin	26
„ Ratnagherry	19	„ Colombo	27
„ Vingorla	19	„ Galle	28
„ Goa	20	„ Negapatam	May 1
„ Carwar	20	„ Pondicherry	2
„ Mangalore	21	„ Madras	4
„ Cannanore	22	„ Coconada	6
„ Tellicherry	22	„ Vizeapatam	7
„ Calicut	23	„ Bimlipatam	7
„ Beypore	23	„ Gopaulpore	8
„ Cochin	24	„ False Point	9
„ Alleppy	24	Arrives at CALCUTTA	11

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherry District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Busreh, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, KOWEIT, and MAHOMERAH.

The s. s. PUNJAUB, 1,089 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. R. GAVIN, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 10th April 1874, at 2 P.M.

April 1874.		April 1874.	
Leave BOMBAY	10	Leave BUSREH	29
„ Kurrachee	14	„ Mahomerah	29
„ Guadur	15	„ Fao	30
„ Muscat	17	„ Bushire	May. 1
„ Bunder Abbas	19	„ Bahrein	1
„ Linga	21	„ Bunder Abbas	3
„ Bushire	23	„ Muscat	10
„ Koweit	25	„ Guadur	12
„ Fao	25	„ Kurrachee	15
„ Mahomerah	26	Arrive BOMBAY	18

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, despatch Steamers every 14 days to and from Bombay to Liverpool in about twenty-six days.

They have exceptionally good accommodation for Passengers, the Cabins being thoroughly ventilated and provided with every requirement for comfort.

Each vessel has accommodation for about Sixty First-class Passengers, and will carry a Surgeon and Stewardess.

Rate of Passage-money, exclusive of Wines, Spirits, and Liquor, which can be had on Board,

TO LIVERPOOL :—FIRST-CLASS, Rs. 500.

For Passage and inspection of Plans of Cabin accommodation apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co.,

or SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., Genoa.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 1st on the 24th, *of each month.*

PASSENGERS RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without Wines.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Alexandria	39	25	9 10	
Messina	50	34	14	Including Wines.
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (Transhipment at Genoa)	52	36	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above 10 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMER FROM BOMBAY :—

"ARABIA," to sail on FRIDAY, 1st May 1874.

"INDIA," to sail on MONDAY, 1st June 1874

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c. apply to

C. GRONDONA,

Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,

No. 9 Hummum Street.

Bombay, 1st January 1874.

JUST OUT! THE HINDOO PENS!!—

"The misery of a bad Pen is now a voluntary infliction."

"They come as a boon and a blessing to men

The Fleetwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen,"

$4,200 Newspapers recommend them.—See *Graphic*, 17th May, 1873. Sample box, by post, 1s 1d Sold everywhere.

Patentees—Macniven & Cameron, 23-33 Blair St., Edin.

Trade supplied through any London Agent.

SHIPPING.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

On Monday, the 13th April, 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. PEKIN, (3,777 Tons, and 600 H.P.,) Captain W. WOOLCOTT, will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Cargo for Liverpool will be forwarded either direct or by Steamer to London or Southampton, and thence by rail or steamer.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 6th April 1874.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 21st April 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. NIZAM, (2,725 tons and 450 H.P.,) Captain A. K. BARLOW, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 18th April.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 7th April 1874.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

SUEZ CANAL ROUTE

It is intended to despatch the following Steamers from Bombay, direct through the Suez Canal to Southampton :—

PEKIN..... 3,777 TONS 600 H.P., 13th April 1874.
MIRZAPORE.. 3,763 „ 600 H.P., 27th do.
INDUS..... 3,473 „ 500 H.P., 11th May.

PASSAGE MONEY.

First Class..... Rs. 660
Second Class..... Rs. 360

For further particulars apply to

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 3 Rampart Row.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(TO SAIL ON OR ABOUT 25TH APRIL).

THE s.s. BELLONA, 1,900 Tons, 300 H.P., W. RHODES, Commander, has superior accommodation (amidship) for First Class Passengers.

FARE TO LIVERPOOL, Rs. 450.

For Passage only apply to

JOHNSON & Co.,
Ship Brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE New Steamer CASTOR, 2,700 Tons, now on her first voyage, will be despatched for Trieste on or about the 10th April 1874. The CASTOR has good accommodation for a limited number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

(Including a liberal Table, exclusive of Wines and Liquors, transit through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage) :—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	£45 0	£35 0	£19-0
To Port Said	£33 6	£23 0	£14-6
To Suez	£32 8	£22 0	£13-7

Children under 3 years of age, FREE; above 3 and under 10 years, HALF FARE.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to THE AGENCY OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

Bombay, 28, Bombay Green, 20th March 1874.

SURAT AND GOGO STEAM FERRY.

UNDER CONTRACT with GOVERNMENT, STEAM FERRY BOATS ply every alternate day between SURAT and GOGO, and vice versa, Sundays excepted.

FARES.

First Class	Rs. 5 0	Horses	Rs. 4
Second Class	3 0	Carriages	„ 4
Third Class	1 8		

The Steamers leave both Surat and Gogo on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS in the morning according to the state of the tide.

The Steamer leaving Surat on FRIDAY proceeds direct to Bhownugger, and leaves that Port for Surat on MONDAY morning.

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the undermentioned Agents—

MR. SYED KHOOTBOODIN, at Surat.
MR. DINKER NARRAYEN, at Gogo.

Or to the Undersigned at Bombay.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 14th January 1874.

HARBOUR STEAM FERRIES.

UNDER Contract with Government, STEAM FERRY BOATS ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders :—

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO

	1st Class.		2nd Class.		3rd Class.	
	Rs.	a. p	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.
Oorun	2	0 0	0	2 0	0	1 0
Hog Island	2	0 0	0	1 0	0	0 0
Oolwa	3	0 0	0	12 0	0	6 0
Uwas	2	0 0	0	12 0	0	6 0
Dhurmutur	3	0 0	1	0 0	0	8 0
Thull	2	8 0	1	0 0	0	4 0
Allibaugh	3	0 0	1	4 0	0	6 0
Rewdunda	4	0 0	1	8 0	0	8 0

The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and returning leaves Oolwa at 11 A.M.

The Rewas and Dhurmutur Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 9-30 A.M., and returning leaves Dhurmutur at 1 P.M.

The Thull, Allibaugh, and Rewdunda Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 2 P.M., and returning leaves Rewdunda at 5 A.M.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 17th December 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

On THURSDAY, the 9th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by their usual weekly auction sale, at their rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, twist, &c, &c.

7 c. sea turkey red c mbrics.
2 „ white cord checks.
5 „ coloured prints.
6 bales grey drills.
13 „ grey shirtings, 7, 7½, 8 lbs.
10 cases English made cream wove foolscap papers, by Messrs. Millington and Hutton.

AUCTION SALE OF THE CARGO SAVED FROM THE WRECKED ss CHALDEA

On FRIDAY, the 10th instant at 2 p.m. Messrs MENESSE and Co. are instructed to sell by public auction at the Government Bonded Warehouse shed No. 2, on account of the concerned :—

A large quantity of cargo saved from the wrecked steamer Chaldea landed ex s.s. Assyria.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 8th April 1874.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & COMPANY,
No. 15, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Jewellery, Gold and Silver Keyless Lever Escapement Watches, Gold Ear-rings, Locket, Necklaces and Albert Chains, Mother-of-pearl and other Field Opera Glasses, Brooches, Guard and Finger Rings, Charms, Silver and Gold Spectacles, spare Glasses, fittings for Watches, Blackwood and Teakwood Furniture, Show Cases, Cupboards, &c., in Hummum Street, Fort.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the abovenamed place, the remaining of the valuable Jewellery and Furniture, &c, the property of Messrs Chatelain Montandon and Co., Watch and Chronometer Makers, the same comprises gold and silver hunting and open-faced keyless watches, ear-rings, finger ring, set with stones, pearls, and jubies, mechanic and French clocks and time-pieces, double-barrelled breech-loaders, musical boxes, one three-barrelled velocipede, silver and gilt table fork and watch chains, silver cup, knife, spoons and forks, gold ear-rings, sleeve links and buttons, brooch s, silver and gold spectacles, teakwood show cases, glass door cupboards, chairs, watch materials, and several miscellaneous articles, &c., &c.

Catalogues of the full particulars are published, and the property is now on view.

AN AUCTION SALE of handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass, and Porcelain Ware, a full-sized Mahogany Slate Billiard Table with Lamps, a Rosewood Semi-grand Pianoforte by "J. Broadwood & Son," &c., at No. 53, Nepean Sea Road, Malabar Hill (opposite to Mr. Framjee Cowasjee Marker's Bungalow.

ON SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at 1 o'clock P.M. Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, all the valuable and handsome household furniture, &c, of T. O mistor, Esq., C.E. the same comprises a set of crystal star cut glassware, cut glass fruit dishes, water jug, &c, dinner, tea and dessert sets, painted dish covers, Lotwater curry dishes, salver, cover, pickle and sauce frame, single and chamber candlesticks, cast iron fender and fire frame, single and chamber candlesticks, cast iron fender and fire frame, single and chamber candlesticks, cast iron fender and fire

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL.

EXCHANGES on London has opened for the mail at a considerable advance on the closing prices of Monday, and for the present the tendency is still for higher rates.

Government Securities are in much better demand and firm at our quotations :—

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	1s. 11⅛d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	1s. 11¼d.
Bank Bills, on demand	1s. 10⅞d.
Documents, 6 months' sight	1s. 11 11/16d.
Documents, 3 do.	1s. 11¾d.
Credit Bills, 6 do.	1s. 11 9/16d. to ¾d.
Credit, 3 do.	1s. 11 3/8d.
Credit 3 do. francs	245½ to 246

On Calcutta	60 days' sight.	98⅛
Do.	demand	100 to ⅛
On Madras 30 days' sight		99¼
Do.	demand	par
On Civil Bills, 60 days' sight.		217.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Three-and-a-half per cent.	107½
Four & half per cent.	103 1/8
Four per cent.	102½
Staff Corps.	
Four and half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	103
Five per cent. Debenture Loan, 1896-97	103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	109½
7 years' do.	105
5 years' do.	103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan Bonds Rate	112
Do. do. Market Rate	112
New French Loan 5 per cent. fully paid up of 1871 and 1872	97
New French Loan instalment paper of 1872	94
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117) per Bond	111

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—		
Loans on Government Paper on demand	11	per cent
Fixed Loans on do. to 3 months'	11	,,
Do. on Merchandise do. to 3 months'	12	,,
Cash Credit do. to 3 months'	12	,,
Bank Bills	11	,,
Mercantile Paper	14	,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs.	10-10
Napoleons	,,	9 90
Mexican Dollars	,,	222
Five-Franc Pieces	,,	224½
Bar Silver	,,	16/6
Gold Leaf	,,	16-13
Bar Gold 10 ors. English 100 touch	,,	16-14
Australian Gold 100 touch	,,	16-14

FREIGHT REPORT.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Liverpool Cotton market opened this morning, and shippers appear to await telegrams before making further freight engagements. Rates by steamer are weak, but by ships they are firm and advancing. The non-arrival of the overdue ships is causing consignees to hold out for higher rates, and £3-5 is now asked for Liverpool.

London	Cotton	No ship; by steamer £3 to £3 5s.
	Cases	
	Seeds	
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£3 0s. 0d.
	Wooden Ships ,,	£3 0s. 0d.
	Myrabollams	£2 7s. 6d.
	Coir Cake	60 15s. 0d.
	Seeds	£2 10s. 0d.
Havre	Cotton	£3 5s.
	Coffee	
Overland Steamers—		
London		£3 0s. 0d.
Venice		£3 0s. 0d.
Trieste		£3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool		£3 5s. 0d.
Havre Cotton		£2 17s. 6d. to £2 16s. 3d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal	Wheat	£2 17s. 6d. to £2 16s. 3d.
	Seeds	£2 17s. 6d. to £2 16s. 3d.
	Cotton	
China	Steamer Cotton	4s. 20 per ton.
	,, Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 4 per bale nominal
Calcutta Salt		Rs. 8 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 12 port charges.
Mauritius		Nothing doing.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Market firm for Colabs, Bank of Bombay and Spining shares.

BANKS.

No. of shares	Nomi. value each.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. s.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	90
22,000	1,000	all	7½ p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,400
40,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	737½
10,000	500	225	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	415
5,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,140
10,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk of I. L. & China	265
40,000	2811	all	12 p.ct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	400 nl.
40,000	200	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175
10,000	250	125	6 p.ct.	National Bank of India	157
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	400

AND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 60	Colaba Land Co	1,345
9,000	150	all	Nil.	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld.	110
750	2,000	2,000	30p.s.	Mazagon Land	900
6,000	1,000	all	15p.s.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	365

* Rs. 100 per share for the half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	418-20	p.c	G. I. P. Railway Consoli. dated Stock	283
.....	£20	109-1/8	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	43-10/7	do.	Ditto	
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co	1,125
.....	£18	196-5/1	do.	Do. New Shares	

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

620	1,250	all	100*	Alexandra Spinning	1,495
500	2,500	all	175p.c	Alliance Spinning	2,700
300	2,000	all		Shownuggur M. & P. Co	1,950
900	1,000	all	20*	Bombay United	1,305
1,600	100	all	25*	Broach Mills	190
* 2,500	5,000	all	50p.	Dharumsey Spinning	1,750
750	2,000	all	200p.s	Great Eastern	2,600
750	1,000	all		Jewraj Ballo's Mills	1,575
100	...	1,000	...	Khandesh Spinning	1,000
350	...	550	...	Madras U. Spinning	600
...	...	...	...	Mahomedy Spinning	1,410
...	...	...	...	Manockjee Petit	875
250	2,500	all	15 p.c.	Albert Ginning Co	500
150	12,000	11,000	100ps.	Apollo Press Co	4,600
200	2,500	all	..	Berar Cotton G. & P. Co	1,400
200	2,000	all	400ps	Bombay Press Co	700
200	500	all	100 p.s	Do New	175
300	1,000	1,000	100 p.s	Broach Cotton Co	500
100	1,500	..	..	Carwar Company	700
500	1,888	all	40	Colaba Press Co	3,200
350	9,000	all	250ps	East India Press Co	2,200
150	8,500	all	300 ps	Fort Press Co	4,000 xd
300	2,000	1,800	75 p.s	Framji Cowasji Press C	10 nl
300	1,000	all	70 p.s	French Press Co	625
100	5,000	1,400	75 p.s	Imperial Press Co	400
200	400	350	60 p.s	Mofussil Press & G. Co.	500
600	2,000	1,500	...	Nicol Pres. Manuf. Co., Ld.	1,800
100	2,500	750	125 p.s	Prince of Wales Press	1,500
200	1,000	all	...	Sassoon's Press Co	1,400
400	85	75	135 p.s	Scinde Press Co	490
100	1,000	750	...	Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	1,025
1,000	1,500	1,250	Rs. 85	Victoria Press, Madras	1,000
150	85	all	80 ps.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co	850
400	1,000	all	80 ps*	Volkart United Press Co	960

* Per share for the half ye .

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.		
.....	95	19½	...	Bank of China
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank
.....	200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal B

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.

We have no change to report in the state of the market, and prices remain much the same. There continues a moderate demand for up country markets, the average daily consumption being about 200 packages only. The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

250 pieces	Grey Shirtings	45 in.	39 yds.	8 lbs.	at Rs.	5	3 0
1,000 ,,	,, Dhoties	45 ,,	10 ,,		at ,,	2	0 0
1,000 ,,	,,	40 ,,	11 ,,		at ,,	2	10 0
450 ,,	White ,,	45 ,,	10 ,,		at ,,	4	3 0
450 ,,	,, Dorias	31 ,,	10 ,,		at ,,	2	8 0

COTTON.

The market at Liverpool is closed on account of the holidays. The market here continues quiet but steady and prices have undergone no change. The following purchases are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

25 candies	New Broach M. G.	at Rs	190
100 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	190
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	192
25 ,,	Khandeish	at ,,	161½
100 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	160-92½
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	167
25 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	167½
25 ,,	Barcc	at ,,	172
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	168
50 ,,	Verawal	at ,,	162
25 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	167
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	164
25 ,,	Cutch	at ,,	163
50 ,,	Angar	at ,,	162½
25 ,,	Mowa	at ,,	178½-79
100 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	179-80
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	179- 0
25 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	178½-79
50 ,,	,, ,,	at ,,	179
200 ,,	Jalgaum F. F. B.	at ,,	171¼
50 ,,	Sawgimed	at ,,	185
50 ,,	Jodia	at ,,	169

METALS.

750 cwts. Copper Brazers ..... at Rs. 55½ per cwt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	C N.	Wilson	Calcutta, Feb. 22.
	Harold	Smith	Liverpool, Nov. 3.
	Pehlwan (s)	Pead	Goa, April 4.
7	Persian Empire	Watson	Newcastle, Nov. 27.

DEPARTURE.

April.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
7	Gwalior (s)	Haselwood	China, &c.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—

Steamer Pehlwan, to Coast and Carwar.
Steamer Nagotna, to Coast and Cutch.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

April		
3	Orion (s)	Liverpool.
4	Asia (s)	Calcutta.

DEPARTURE.

April		
4	Asia (s)	Colombo,

DAILY IMPORTS.—7TH APRIL.

FROM LIVERPOOL

Elgin, s, 5 bags cork, Dorabjee Bezunjee and Co., 100 cases portwine M. & E. Bezunjee, 4 crates earthenware.

FROM LONDON.

Colombo, s, 17 packages paper and envelopes, Shaik Ahmed Noordin, 5 cases paper, H. B. Jeejeebhoy, 4 cases paper, Byramjee Shapoorjee, 24 cases paper, Hajee Esmail Jaitha and sons, 49 cases sherry, Henry Dods and Co., 24 cases claret Henry Rogers.
Yeddo, s, 5 packages paper, Ebrum Budroodin.
Bellona, s, 20 cases paper Byramjee Shapoorjee.

FROM TRIESTE.

Castor, s, 1 case dye, Mowjee Godso, 2 cases beads, Shurufally Geolam Hoseein.

FROM GENOA.

Arabia, s, 140 boxes brandy, Nowrojee Ardasur and sons.

DAILY EXPORTS—7TH APRIL.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Minnalla, 348 bags linseed, Ralli Brothers; 100 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co, 150 bales cotton, Wallace & Co; 250 bales cotton, Jumnadass Tricomdass.
Ellen Barry, 200 cwts bones, Edward Baudry & Co; 100 bales cotton, M. Tribhowandass.
Amelia, s, 37 bales wool, Finlay Scott & Co.
Helen Scott, 100 bales cotton, Knoop & Co., 100 bales cotton Khimjee Jeewa, 100 bales cotton, V. Roognath.
Pegasus, 2,108 bundles rattans, Ruttonjee Dadabhoy; 200 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co; 350 bales cotton, A. Kunkler & Co., 200 bales cotton, Wallace & Co; 300 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co, 500 bales cotton, Goddum & Co.
Ellerslie, 100 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.; 100 bales cotton, Wallace & Co., 30 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.
Liverpool, 454 bales cotton, Feel Cassels & Co; 750 bales cotton, Ewart Latham & Co.
Bellona, s, 65 bales hemp, M Nuthoo.
St Elmo, 660 bales cotton, Goddum & Co.
Elgin, s, 90 cwts coir yarn, Hojee Metha Cassum; 876 bags linseed, Pooja Bazaar.
Excelsior, s, 570 bags linseed, Alsen Riebe and Co., 16 bales wool. Heeranund Nundram; 1,300 bags myrabollams, Ralli Brothers; 1,024 bags linseed, V. Ebram and Co., 42 bales cotton, Nupoo Nensey; 500 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co., 10 cwts. coir yarn, N. Khatow; 139 bales cotton, T. R. Roopjee Mody; 32 bales wool, B. Topun.
Hector, s, 40 bales wool, Soonderdass Mooljee; 139 bales cotton, T. R. R. Mody.
Greenock, 150 bales cotton, Wallace and Co., 56 bales wool, H. Kheldass.
John Tennant, s, 50 bales wool, Jaitha Wuria; 69 bales cotton, Woomersey Comma; 500 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co., 100 bales cotton, Wallace and Co., 250 bales cotton, Kimjee Luckmedass and Co., 300 bales cotton, Greaves Cotton and Co., 100 bales cotton Ruttonsee Purbut.
City of Richmond, 26 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co; 100 bales cotton, R. Vurjeewandass.
Amelia, s, 59 bales cotton, Khimjee Jeena; 53 bales cotton, Morarjee Goculdass; 50 bales cotton, Oodhowjee Geeges.
Hannah Law, 600 bales cotton, Goddum & Co.
Colombo s, 15 bales wool, Nansey Megjee; 40 bales cotton, Tiruthdass Lillaram; 300 bales cotton, Wallace & Co; 76 bales cotton, Nundram Begraj; 26 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 2 bales cotton, T. Lillaram; 50 bales wool, David Sassoon & Co; 200 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co.
Hankow(s), 132 cwts, coir yarn, Shamjee Padomsey; 170 bags linseed, H. Hoseun H. Meeha; 500 bales cotton, Mathoordass Goculdass; 300 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.; 50 bales cotton, Wallace and Co.; 14 bales cotton, Runcherdass Goculdass; 250 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.; 200 bales cotton, Alsen Riebe and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Pekin (s), 1,330 bags linseed, Volkart Brothers; 24 boxes bloodstone, Rehemoobhoy Mahomed; 2,500 bags linseed, W. Nicol and Co.; 100 cases oil, Allan, Allan Munjee and Co.; 96 pieces E. teeths, R. Goolam Mahomed; 160 cases alibanum, A. Mooman; 3 bales cotton, Ritchie Stuart and Co.
Border Chieftain (s), 1,000 bags linseed, Ralli Brothers, 200 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Castore, s, 200 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.
Pekin, s, 21 bags coffee, P. & O. Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Castore, s, 100 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Celestial Empire, 100 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.
British India, 100 bales cotton, A. Kunkler & Co.
Renown, s, 1,500 bales cotton, Ritchie Steuart & Co.
Pekin, s, 200 bales cotton, Jules Siegfried & Co.; 500 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Pekin, s, 1 bag coffee, P. & O. Co.

FOR FALMOUTH.

Octavia, 1,200 bales cotton, Goddum & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Gwalior, s, 17 chests opium, S. N. Talatee; 15 chests opium, S. E. Sassoon.
Gwalior (s), 3 chests opium, Ganeadass Sobhagmull; 2 chests opium, Sumruthroy Khetseadass; 16 chests opium Ramnaron Baldew.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS—APRIL 1. ...y, from Ferozepore.

Hatch, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on d... from Aden.

ARRIVALS—APRIL 4.

Grierson, Captain, P. W. Dept., ...leave, from Mahableshwur.

APRIL 6.

Jacob, Captain, Staff, from ...engal 3rd Goorkahs, on leave, from Mu...
Kirton, Surg. Major, ... Dept., on leave, from Muscat.

APRIL 7.

... Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, from Alla...

DEPARTURES—APRIL 6.

...ieut. Col., Madras Staff Corps, on medical certi... England.
...aptain, Comdt. H. E. the Govr.'s Body Guard, on leave, ...land.

APRIL 7.

Jones, Surgeon, Med. Dept., on duty, to Dohud.
Hay, an, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on duty, to Poona,
Jacob, Captain, staff, on leave, to Mahableshwar.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(North-Western Provinces' Gazette, April 4.)

His Honor the Lieut-Govr has been pleased to appoint Mr R C Oldfield, District and Sessions Judge of Allahabad, to officiate as a Puisne Judge of the High Court of Judicature for the N W Provinces until further orders.

The undermentioned gentleman, on special duty in connection with famine relief operations, to be Special Magstc, and to be invested with the powers of a Magst of the 2nd class, for the punishment of offences committed by the men employed under their charge :—

Lieut-Col A C Bunbury, Capt T J FitzSimon, and Lieut F G Vivian.

With the sanction of H E the Gov.-Genl in Council, Mr C P Carmichael, Offic Comr of Benares, to officiate as Junior member of the Board of Revenue during the absence on privilege leave of Mr H S Reid, or until further orders.

Mr R Wall, Joint Magst and Depy Colr, 1st grade, to officiate as Magst and Colr of the Banda District, during the absence on leave of Mr E B Thornhill, or until further orders.

Mr J M Pears, Asst Magst and Colr., to officiate as Mag and Colr of Etawah during the absence on leave of Mr A J Lawrence, or until further orders.

Capt J C Ross, R E., Ex Engr. Boolundshur Division, Ganges Canal, and Lieut F V Corbett, R E., Exa Engr, Etawah Division, Ganges Canal, to be mem ers of the Meerut and Agra Divisional Examination Committees respectively.

Mr F E Elliot, Joint Magst and Depy Colr, 1st grade, to officiate as Magst and Colr of Bustee during the absence on leave of Mr P Wigram, or until furthers orders.

Mr G D Turnbull, District and Session Judge, to be President of the Meerut Divisional Examination Committee.

Mr H M Chase, Magst and Colr, to officiate as District and Session Judge of Azimgurh during the absence on leave of Mr. G W Sherer, or unt l further orders, with effect from the date of taking charge.

Mr W C Turner to officiate as Magst and Colr, and to be posted to Jounpore, with effect from the date of taking charge.

The Rev. B. M. Behr, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Govt by the Govt of Punjab to be Chaplain of Bareeckbet, with effect from the date of taking charge.

Mr W Kaye, Joint Magst and Depy Colr, 1st grade, is transferred from Benares to Bareilly.

Mr o Hanlon, Asst Engr, 2nd grade, is transferred from the Bustee Subdivision of the Benares Provincial Divison to the Jhansie Provincial Division, and is posted to the charge of the Lalitpore District.

Mr C J Joseph, Dist Engr, Jaloun, and Rajkishen Bannerjee, Dist Engr Lalitpore, are promoted from 3rd to 2nd grade Asst Engrs with effect from the 23rd Dec 18 3.

Mr E L Hunt, Asst Engr, 1st grade Muttra-Hatrass Light Railway, is promoted to Ex Engr, 4th grade, with effect from the 1st March, 1874.

Mr A H Mackenzie, Probationary Asst Engr, 3rd grade, Muttra-Hatrass Light Railway, is confirmed in his grade, with effect from the 1st March, 1871.

The following promotions are made in the Engineer Establishments of the P W Dept, Buildings and Roads Branch, Provincial, with effect from the 1st March, 1874 :—

Mr Angus Campbell, Supt, Roorkee Workshops, from 2nd to 1st grade, Ex Engr.

From 3rd to 2nd grade, Ex Engr—Capt G Nolan, Ex Engr, Ganges River Navigation Works; and Capt F D M Brown, V C, S C, Persl Asst to Chief Engr, and Asst Secy to Govt in this Dept.

Mr A W Lawder, Ex Engr, Kumaon Provincial Division, from 4th to 3rd grade, Ex Engr.

From Asst Engrs, 1st grade, to Ex Engr, 4th grade—Mr G R Macdowell, Dist Engr, Furruckabad Sub-division, Agra Provincial Division; and Lieut R R Pulford, R E, Dist Engr, Moradabad Sub-division, Rohilkhund Provincial Division.

Lieut H A Yorke, R E, Dist Engr, Meerut Sub-division, Meerut Provincial Division, from 2nd to 1st grade, Asst Engr.

Mr R J Clarke, Ex Engr, 1st grade, Allahabad Provincial Division, is granted 12 months' furlough to Europe.

Mr J Bennett, Ex Engr, 1st grade, Meerut Provincial Division, is transferred in the same capacity to the Allahabad Provincial Division, vice Mr R J Clarke.

Capt F D M Brown, V C, Ex Engr, 2nd grade, and Persl Asst to the Chief Engr, and Asst Secy to Govt in this Dept, is transferred to the Meerut Provincial Division as Ex Engr, vice Mr J Bennett.

Capt C S Beauchamp, R E, Ex Engr, 4th grade, Offg Dist Engr Gorackpore, is appointed Persl Asst to the Chief Eng., and Asst Secy to Govt in this Dept, vice Capt Brown, as also ex-officio Asst to the Supdg Engr, 1st C rle. Capt Beauchamp will continue in charge of the Gorukpore Di trict until further orders.

Capt C H L Marshall, R E, Ex Engr, and Persl Asst to Chief Engr of Irrigation, N-W Provinces, is appointed to officiate as Ex Engr, Cawnpore Division, anges Canal.

Mr F Nelson, Ex Engr, Bhognipore Division, Lower Ganges Canal, to officiate as Persl Asst to Chi f Engr, vice Capt Marshall.

Sergeant R Read, Supervisor, Etawah Division, Ganges Canal, availed himself of the three months' privilege leave, granted him in G O No 240E of 14th March on the 3rd idem.

Mr R E Forrest, Ex Engr, made over, and Mr C G Palmer, Asst Engr, received charge of the Cawnpore Division, Ganges Canal, on the 14th March, 1874. Mr Palmer will officiate as Ex Engr of the Cawnpore Division till further orders.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 23rd March 1874.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Sirhind Division order, dated the 14th Feb 1874, appointing Surg Maj J Paxton, M D, to C Baty A Bgde R H A.

Dated the 9th March 1874, directing Surgn E F Boult to proceed to Kussowlie, for duty at the Convalescent Depot.

Meerut Division order, dated the 16th Feb 1874, directing Surgn Maj M Qinlan, doing duty with 15th Hussars, to proceed to Delhi, and assume medical charge of 2-23rd R A, relieving Surgn T J P Holmes, M D, who will join the detachment 109th Foot at that station.

Dated the 23rd Feby 1874, directing Surgn Maj H H Maclean to proceed to Agra, and assume medical charge of the 5-32nd R A, from date of departure for England, of Surgn D McEwen, M D, with invalids.

Oude Division order, dated the 12th Feby 1874, appointing Capt M H Saward, R A, to officiate as Dep Asst Qrmaster Genl, vice C pt R H Grant, proceeded to Rhusulpore on special famine relief duty, and Brev Maj R Beadon, proceeding on furlough, with effect from the 14th idem.

Presidency District order, dated the 7th March 1874, appointing Capt F A Montriou, offig Wing Officer 37th N I, to officiate as Bgde Maj in addition to his other duties, with effect from the 9th idem, vice Capt Del. R F Wooldridge, 14th Foot placed at disposal of the Bengal Govt.

Dated the 10th March 1874, directing Surg Maj J B S Brown, 39th N I, to assume medical charge of the Station Staff and Station of Ishapore.

Dated the 12th March 1874, directing Surg E A Birch to make over charge of the 10th N I, to Surg Maj J B S Brown, 39th N I, and to proceed to Durbungah, for special duty under the civil authorities of the District.

Meean Meer Brigade Order, dated the 9th March 1874, appointing Brev Maj M G Morris, 37th Foot, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, in addition to his regimental duties, during the absence on inspection duty of Capt G W Smith, offg Bgde Maj and Asst Adjt Genl.

Jubbulpore Station Order, dated the 11th March 1874, directing Col C J S Wallace, 2-25th Foot to assume command of the station, consequent on the departure of Bgdr G nl J M'N Walker, C B, on inspection duty; and Capt F C Stevens, 3rd Squadron Officer 3rd Madras Cavalry, to act as Station Staff Officer, during the absence of Bgde Maj Capt H G Waterfield with the Bgdr Genl.

Roorkee Station Order, dated the 10th March 1874, appointing Surg Maj T Bennett, doing duty with 55th Foot, to the medical charge of the Bengal Sappers and Miners, as a temporary measure.

Dacca Station Order, dated the 1st March 1874, appointing Capt R H Salkeld, 1st Wing Subaltern 16th N I, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, vice Maj W G Cubit, v c.

Benares Station Order, dated the 27th Feb 1874, directing Lieut Col R S Mosc'y, offg Comdt 13th N I, to assume comd of the station.

Banda Station Order, dated the 15h Jan 1874, appointing Capt J O Goldie, Adjt 20th M N I, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, with effect from the 16th idem, vice Brev Capt W F O Boulderson, offg Adjt 15th M N I, proceding with his regt.

54th Foot.—Regimental Order, dated the 9th March 1874, appointing Lieut A G Tidy to officiate as Interpreter, in the room of Lieut A W Dury, appointed to officiate as Adjt.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

4th Hussars.—Maj S deA C Clarke, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt; and thence to England, for fifteen months from date of embarkation on urgent private affairs.

Royal Artillery.—Quartermaster J Fyfe (13th Bgde), to Bombay for one month from date of availing himself of the same, to appear before a medical board.

17th Foot, (1st Batn.)—Lieut E A H Webb, to Bombay, for one month from date of leaving regt; and thence to England, for six month from date of embarkation on urgent private affairs.

19th Foot, (2nd Bat)—Capt C Skinner, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board; and thence to England, per troopship, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

21st Foot, (1st Bat)—Lieut J F Gordon, (Instructor of Musketry,) to England, per troopship, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

63rd.—Foot—Lieut W R LeGeyt Anderson, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

Staff Corps.—Maj (Brev Lieut Col) H H Lyster, v c, (2nd in Command and Wing Officer 3rd Goorkhas,) to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

Maj J Roberts, (D ing duty at Umballa), to Simla and Kussowlie, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Maj J A Copland, (Wing Officer 19th N I), to Calcutta, for one month from date of quitting regiment, preparatory to furlough, to Europe, on private affairs, under rules of 1863.

Capt C St J B Burnett, (Qrmaster 1st Goork a regiment,) to port of embarkation, for one month from date of leaving regt, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

Genl List, Infantry—Capt J Fraser, (2nd Wing subaltern 40th N I,) to Dalhousie, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct on private affairs.

Bengal Infantry—Col W R Cunningham, (Doing duty at Umballa,) to hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Late 15th N I—Maj J E Evans, (offg W ng Officer 34th N I,) to Murree and Cashmere, from the 1st April to th 30th September, on private affairs.

Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 26 h March.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointments :—

54th Regt—Lieut Col I Henry Law to be Instructor of Musketry, vice Darnell, subject to app oval by H R H the Field Marshal Cg-in-C. Dated 17th March 1874.

1st Bengal Cavalry—Lieut Col R Jenkins, 2nd in Command, to officiate as Comdt, during the absence of Col Alexander on furlough. Dated 17th March 1874.

Major G O Thomson, 2nd Squadron Officer, on return from furlough, to officiate as 2nd in Command, vice Jenkins. Dated 17th March 1874.

Maj C W Fletch r, offg 2nd Squadron Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command, until the return of Maj Thomson. Dated 17th March 1874.

10th N I.—Capt W D Palmer, Offg Wing Officer, to be Wing Officer, vice Firth, appointed 2nd in Command. Dated 17th March 1874.

Lieut A M'L Mills, 1st Wing Subaltern, to be Adjt, vice Bartlemah, appointed Station Staff Officer at Jhelum. Dated 17th March 1874.

20th N I—Lieut R E A Jenkins, 2nd Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Qr Mr, in addition to his other duties, vice Meik'ejohn, who has proceeded on furlough. Dated 17th March 1874.

37th N I.—Lieut Sir C H Lowis, Bart, 2nd Wing Subaltern, to be Adjt, vice Morrison, appointed Wing Officer. Dated 17th March 1874.

1st Goorkha Regt—Lieut Col R S Hill, Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command, during the absence of Lieut Col Cley on furlough. Dated 17th March 1874.

Lieut Col P Story, late offg Wing Officer, to officiate as Wing Officer, vice Hill. Dated 17th March 1874.

Jhelum—Capt W F Bartleman, Adjt 10th N I, to be Station Staff Officer, vice Irvine. Dated 17th March 1874.

Moozuffurnd.—Capt G W C Bowden, S C, to be Station Staff Officer, vice Pierce. Dated 17th March 1874.

Local rank is assi ned to the undermentioned officers :—

13th Hussars—Lieut Col J Miller to rank as Lieut Col from the 6th November 1868.

70th Regt.—Lieut E Pearson to be Capt, from the 6th August 1873.

73rd Regt—Maj J W Barnes to be Lieut Col, from the 5th Nov 1873.

Capt A H Sharp to rank as Capt, from the 7th Sept 1867.

Capt J T Turner to rank as Capt from the 13th April 1870.

92nd Regt.—Ca. t G S White to be Maj from the 4th Nov 1873.

Medical Department, British Service.—Surgn Maj J. H. Hunt R A, to rank as Surgn Maj, from the 10th March 1870.

Surgn A. Long 80th Regt, to be Surgn Maj, from the 1st March 1873.

Capt L Macdonald, S C, attached to the 12th N I, is transferred to the 32nd N I (Pioneers), on the termination of the course of instruction he is at present undergoing at the Thomason College, Roorkee on the 1st May next.

The undermentioned candidates are reported to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindoostance on 2nd March 1874 :—

Surgn Maj J T M Symons, 4-22nd R A, Surgn F A Davy, M D, 26th Foot, and Schoolmaster J. Hollow y 26th Foot.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Meerut Division order, dated the 2nd March 1874, appointing Surgn Maj W A Gardiner to the medical charge of the Divisional and Brigade Staff, vice Surgeon C J McKenna.

Dated the 18th March 1874, appointing Surgn A B Seaman to the medical charge of the Ben al Sappers and Miners, as a temporary arrangement, vice Surgn M J A Ecson.

Allahabad Division order, dated the 13th March 1874, appointing Surgn W Duncan, M D, doing duty at Benares to proceed to Allahabad, vice Surgn Maj J B S Brown.

Dacca Station Order, dated the 18th March 1874, directing Surg Maj H Harrison to assume medical charge of the details of Royal Engineers and 55th Foot, proceeding to Meerut, and on arrival at that station to report himself for duty.

Presidency District order, dated the 17th March 1874, appointing Lieut Col G T Jones, Bengal Infantry, to officiate as Garrison Qrmaster Fort William, vice Capt R G Birch, proceeded on special famine duty.

Dated the 17th March 1874, directing Surg W A Gilligan, doing duty with the 30th N I who is appointed to the medical charge of the arrangements in connection with the Southern Bengal State Railway, top oceed to Parbutteepore, and report himself to the Chief Engineer of the above railway.

Dated the 17th March 1874, directing Surgn C J McKenna to do duty at the Presidency General Hospital, until further orders.

Peshawur District order, dated the 20th March 1874, directing Surgn G C Hal to assume Medical charge of the 20th N ine Surgn Maj L F Dickson M D.

Jhelum Station order, dated the 7th March 1874, appointing Capt R B Graham, 3rd Squadron Officer 5th Bengal Cavalry, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, in addition to his other duties vice Capt J S Irvine, appointed Offg Brigade Maj at Mooltan.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

R H A Maj A H Lindsay, (A B ty, F Bgde,) to Dalhousie and the hills north of Debra, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

10th Hussars.—Capt T A St Quintin, to Australia, from the 1st April to the 7th Oct, on urgent private affairs.

1st Foot, (2nd Batn.)—Maj E A Stuart, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

11th Foot, (1st Batn.)—Capt E L Street, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regt, to appear before a medical board.

49th Foot, (Capt A H Lefroy, to England, for six months from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

55th Foot.—Capt and Brev Maj G A Morgan, to Bombay, for one month from date of quitting regiment, to appear before a medical board.

60th Foot, (2nd Batn)—Lieut R Chalmer, from the 19th Nov 1874 to the 18th Feby 1875, in extension, to remain in England, on private affairs.

85th Foot,—Lieut C H Collete, to Bombay for ten days from date of quitting regt; and thence to England, for six months from date of embarkation, on private affairs.

Staff Corps.—Col C F Smith, (doing duty at Umballa,) from the 16th April to the 15th Oct, to proceed to Simla and the adjacent hills, on private affairs.

Lieut Col A Irvine, (doing duty at Benares,) from the 1st April to the 1st Oct, to proceed to Nynee Tal, on private affairs.

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agent and associate of detectives and others, in sending into penal servitude for fourteen years a gentleman whom he knows to be no more his brother Arthur than he is himself, and which he has done simply for money, being too lazy to work for his bread.

I see also with indignation that he takes every pains throughout his letter to drag me and my sisters into his shameful fraud, and to make it appear we had been accomplices of his in it. But my sisters and I never held any other opinion than that this gentleman—the Claimant—was not our brother; and in receiving any assistance from him they did so merely as from a friend of Arthur, who had become, or was about to become, very rich.

My sister Margaret died in the full belief that the Claimant was not Arthur, and I repeat that both my sister Mary Ann (Mrs. Tredgett) and myself shall ever live in that belief and conviction.

It is not true that I went to the residence of the Claimant at Croydon for any other purpose than to get from him the address of my brother Arthur. I did not see any child there, and did not therefore exclaim, "For! what a regular little Orton!" The Claimant was ill in bed, but he sent me out a polite message. He never sent me, that I can remember, a letter, nor a message, "begging it (my calling on him) might never occur again."

As to other subjects of Charles's letter. It is not true that my brother Thomas was a "very big man," and "just like Arthur" (as Charles chooses to call the Claimant) "in the face." They are no more alike than the sun is like the moon. Thomas was tall, but not stout; slightly round shouldered; had his upper teeth projecting; was of fair complexion, with light blue eyes and ruddy (pink) cheeks.

It was not my brother Edmund who wore ear-rings, as Charles says, but it was Arthur who wore them, as I quite well remember and know, and as I could have proved if I had been put into the witness-box at the trial. My brother George also could have proved it, as you may see by this letter which I received from him:—

"Singapore, April 27, 1869.

"My dear Sister,—I have returned the carte-de-visite. I cannot see any likeness of my brother Arthur in it. Arthur had his name marked on his arm, and likewise holes in his ears. If you can remember he used to wear gold earrings in his ears. But it is not Arthur, and not the least like him. But surely, my dear sister, if you see him and speak to him, you ought to know if it is him. And I cannot see anything like him in the likeness. . . . I remain, my dear sister, your affectionate brother, "George Orton."

The St. Vitus's dance which Arthur had after the fire at Wapping was a kind of sciatica, and there was no movement of the features from it—no twitching of the face.

When Arthur came home from sea he was a very tall, thin lad, nearly two inches taller, I should think, than Thomas, who was about the height of the Claimant.

I never heard Arthur say that he had been at Melapilla, nor that he had been kept like a young gentleman anywhere; but I quite remember his telling us that he had been employed in minding and driving cattle to the market at Valparaiso, and that his employer trusted him with the money for what he sold. We all understood that this was the way in which he spent his time when in South America.

Again, Charles says he does not remember that Arthur was "severely bitten by a pony," but I always understood and believe he was so bitten, and I know that there was abundant evidence to prove it if the witnesses had been called at the trial.

I well remember that Arthur was tattooed in two places on the arm, and I believe that the letters "A. O." were each at least an inch long.

As to the birth mark, I know that Arthur had none, but Robert had one—a very small one—on his right side. I also know that Mrs. Cockling, who swore to the mark as on Arthur, was not Arthur's nurse. It was another person who nursed him.

Charles says he knew the Claimant's writing as that of Arthur the moment he saw it; but I don't know how he should know it after so many years, and as he could not have had much chance of seeing it, as he was a man of 26 years of age when Arthur went to sea, a boy of 14 years. The same remark applies to after-wards when he returned from the sea. Besides this, his handwriting must have very much changed in all that time—from 1852 to 1867.

I repeat that neither my sisters nor I ever had such a thought as that the Claimant, in giving help to members of our family, did it as a bribe, or in any way to influence us. We felt it was nothing but a kindness to the sisters and brother of his former companion in Australia.

Charles knew this very well, and I, in common with the rest of the family, am ashamed of his ingratitude and baseness in first assisting in prosecuting, and now persecuting as being his brother, a gentleman who had been so kind to him, and who he well knows is not his brother.

I have had an opportunity of seeing the Cambridge crew. It is a very strong one indeed, fully justifying the odds now laid on them. For form it is the best that has been seen on the Thames for years at a period so long before the race time. Swing and pace alike are as perfect as could be, and, unless they are overtrained, they bid fair to show a better front than many crews of late years on the day of the race. Considering that four good men of the old crew are in the boat, it is not to be wondered at that a considerable amount of form has been acquired by the new adjuncts. Rhodes, Read, Close, and Lecky-Brown, are of themselves almost a guarantee of success. Mr. Goldie will certainly maintain his well derived prestige. The announcement that the Oxonians had declined the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London to dine at the Mansion House on the evening of the boat race has taken every one by surprise, as it had been known that the Cambridge crew had accepted his lordship's hospitality. The Oxford gentlemen treated the Lord Mayor with scant civility in not replying to the letter of invitation for several days, and the Chief Magistrate of London showed little appreciation of the dignity of his position in causing his secretary to write and publish a note saying their room is better than their company. Mr. Nicholson, owing to the serious illness of his mother, has had to retire from the boat, and Mr. Harding, of Merton, is *hors de combat* through an accident to his hand. In spite of these constant changes the rowing is said to be better than anticipated. This crew has not yet appeared on the scene of the contest.

We have learned by telegram that Count Renard the distinguished German sportsman died at Vienna on Saturday last. Hochstäpler, as a matter of course, is disqualified for the Lincoln Handicap, as are all horses entered in Count Renard's name for other engagements. The Count proceeded from Berlin to Vienna about three weeks ago for medical advice, and treatment of a fungus which had formed in the head near the drum of the ear. The most eminent practitioners were consulted and an operation satisfactorily performed, but whether from ethereal or other powerful medicinal administrations, delirium set in and the Count breathed his last on the day mentioned. His loss to the German and Austrian turf is a national one, and he can ill be spared just now in England where it was his intention to race on a more extended scale than heretofore.

The card cheating case at the Arlington is the scandal amongst the upper ten thousand. The offender is well known about Town. An extraordinary run of luck which landed £14,000 attracted attention; he was watched, and the ace and king of trumps were found under his feet to be picked up, when required, in lieu of worthless cards dropped on purpose. A new pigeon shooting and polo club has been established at Brighton under a fairly respectable committee.

After one day's very unsatisfactory steeple and hurdle racing at Croydon the first fall of snow of the season set in, and, being accompanied by several degrees of frost, the running ground became positively dangerous, and the meeting had to be postponed till to-day. The field for the great steeple chase will be even smaller than was at first anticipated. Harvester has been on the course, but one of his legs looked so suspicious that I am prepared to find him amongst the numerous absentees, and Congress is doubtful a starter. Captain Machell has elected Defence, my first "tip" for the Grand Liverpool, to do battle for him, and if he has any danger to fear it is from Mr. Brayley's Silvermere. Sweet Galingale, or Miss Stockwell will win the Shirley Hurdle, and Mobile II. the Free Handicap Steeple Chase. Fantome and Whaler have left France to run at Bristol next week, and Eros, who is engaged in the Lincolnshire Handicap, comes with them to Newmarket. Disturbance has dispaced Furiey in the premiership for the Grand National by two points in the betting. Vintner and Fantome are at the head of affairs in the forthcoming race at Bristol. Wenlock has been driven to 50 to 1 for the straight mile at Lincoln, but they only offer 700 to 100 *v.* Andred—my selection—with the proviso of a start. Ecossais is eagerly backed at 500 to 200 for the Two Thousand, and it would be money well laid out on the taker's part could he ensure the colt seeing the post, but, as I have said before, if dry weather succeeds the deluges we have lately been suffering from, the very speedy son of Blair Athole, the speediest of his sons, will not stand a thorough preparation, and without that he cannot win.

INFORMATION WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—Could you inform us whether the "Irregular Force" stationed at Erinpoora, in Rajpootana, is composed of cavalry only, or whether of cavalry and infantry?

We should be much obliged if you would enlighten us on this subject, and trust you will excuse trouble.—Yours faithfully,

Bombay, 7th [illegible]

LOTTERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—The correspondent of the *Indian Statesman*, who ends his letter "A Pig in a Poke," has rightly designated himself as regards racing matters. If he had given himself the trouble to look at any sporting paper, he would have found the Epsom Summer Meeting—during which the Derby is run—commences on the 2nd June. His own common sense would have told him, I should have thought, that a lottery could not be drawn after the race was run. What the meaning of the Editor's remark at the foot of the letter may mean, I leave to wiser men than myself to determine; but it seems to me the Editor is a worse "Pig in a Poke" as regard racing matters than his correspondent.

LOTTERY.

RATIONALISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—The following things have often puzzled me. Will your clerical readers explain them?

1. In the parable of the unjust steward, he is represented as having wasted his master's goods, and, when called to account, gets back a *portion only*. "For this the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely." This seems contrary to every-day experience. If we give Rs. 500 into the charge of a servant who spends it as he likes and then brings back Rs. 250, we should, instead of commending him, use rather strong language, I fear.

2. In the story of Jonah and the Gourd, God said to Jonah, "Thou hast had pity on the Gourd, and should I not spare Nineveh?" Now, how did Jonah pity the Gourd? He spared it not through pity, but because it was a convenience to Him. It sheltered him from the sun's rays, and it would naturally not destroy it. I can't see the appropriateness of his being rebuked by the type of a Gourd.

3. In Luke XIX. 26—"To every one that hath shall be given, and from him that *hath not* even *that he hath* shall be taken away." The puzzle here is how if he has nothing anything can be taken from him? I should say that Indian Governments are fonder of this text than any other. They seem to read it in this way —"To him that hath plenty of bigwigs as friends shall be given any appointment he wishes, but from him who hath not such powerful and influential support shall be taken away even that appointment which he now holds." An instance of this is the treatment of Major Holland, and also of Mr. Cowan. KAPPA.

NEWS-LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

RAJKOTE, April 3.

This place like all other places at this season appears to be dull. The mornings and nights are no doubt pleasant, but the days are awfully hot. Fever and headache are everywhere prevalent, and the doctors and *hakeems* are restlessly busy. Those whose duties confine them to their desks, or whose work is more or less of a sedentary nature, now complain more loudly of the severity of the weather.

The State of Rajkote, you know, has been under the superintendence of the British Government in consequence of the Thakore's minority. This young Prince, now thinking himself competent to govern, applies to the Political Agent for the power of exercising absolute jurisdiction over his own principality. He is however, I hear, told in reply to wait for sometime, as he has not yet quite come to age. The Thakore is an intelligent Prince, and can converse with you on any common subject in tolerably good English. He daily attends the Court of Mr. M. N. Shirgowkar, special assistant in charge of Rajcote State, with a view to learn how civil and criminal cases are conducted. He still prosecutes his English studies. Mr. B. N. Shirgowkar, F.C.E., a brother to the deputy, is just now appointed his tutor on a monthly salary of Rs. 150. I cannot here refrain from observing that this and such other appointments clearly show that Kattywar is not at all free from nepotism. Claims of persons who are justly entitled to promotions are wilfully disregarded, and pets and favourites are anyhow thrust in when opportunities occur. Such a state of thing is indeed to be regretted.

Samuthkanjee of Bantwa, who has already passed his teens, is shortly to be given independent charge of his own State, of which he is an heir by the right of primogeniture. He has now set out to travel in India in the company of the heir-apparent of Joonaghur. Mr. Dhunjishaw H. Kraka, special assistant in charge Bantwa, will, it is whispered, be appointed to act for Mr. Krishnajee Luxmon, transferred to the Bombay Small Cause Court.

A decision, recently given by Captain Salmon, Assistant Political Agent, Halar Prant, has excited considerable interest in Kattywar. There has been a great dispute for some years past between the States of Morvee and Wakaneer *anent* the well-known temple of Jadeshwur. This temple is situated between the confines of these two States, and the point of dispute is to which of the two it actually belongs. The case is ultimately decided against Morvee, which is firmly determined to appeal to the highest authorities.

The Thakore of Limree and the Thakore of Morvee, the two promising Rajkumars, have left for their homes in order to perform some preliminary rites concerning their marriages that come off on the 10th and 11th of May respectively. These young Princes are constantly being dissuaded by some of their mean hangers-on from continuing their studies any longer at Rajkote after their nuptials. This is to lay an axe to the very root of their future happiness. The practices of the durbaree people should at once be checked, and the political authorities must compel the boys to finish their education in the Rajkumar College, presided over by so popular a Principal as Mr. Macnaghten, and assisted by so able and zealous a Vice-Principal as Mr. Turkhad.

The new High School building is near completion. It is a very large superstructure of Gothic beauty, and reflects great credit on the Local Funds Engineer, Mr. Robert Booth. The building will cost nearly one lakh of rupees.

BOMBAY.

CHEAP ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

With a view to create a system of advertising which, though very successful in England, is still quite undeveloped in India, we propose to publish in future, *at low rates for cash payments*, short advertisements of two or three lines relating to such matters as small sales, business cards, situations wanted or servants required, houses or lodgings to let, changes of residence, articles lost or found, &c., &c.

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Stripes.—The Acting Third Magistrate yesterday sentenced one Abdool Tyeb to receive fifteen stripes on a charge of stealing from the person of a child a cap valued at Rs. 40.

A salute of fifteen guns was fired from the saluting battery, at 12 o'clock noon yesterday, on the occasion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs taking his seat as fourth Member of Council, Bombay.

Loss of Currency Notes.—Mr. Framjee Gustadjee a stock-broker, residing at Mirza Oil-maker Street, reported to the police the loss on Monday afternoon of a purse containing ten currency notes, five for Rs. 100 each and five for Rs. 10 each.

Arrival of a Hindoo Saint.—On Monday afternoon a Hindoo saint (*yoorou*) arrived here from Guzerat, and has taken up his residence temporarily in a bungalow on the Girgaum Road. From early in the morning till late at night crowds of Hindoos went to pay him their homage.

Dealing with a Child.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Ryan, Acting Third Magistrate, one Pandoo Babajee was charged with taking from a child under fourteen years of age a pair of boots, for a sum of money advanced thereon, without the consent or knowledge of the owner. The man pleaded guilty and was fined ten rupees.

Serious Affray at Palitana.—The *Sumsher Bahadoor* states that a few days ago a serious affray took place at Palitana between the Thakore's men and his Bhyads in which some were killed and some were seriously wounded. The writer does not assign any reason for the affray, but calls upon the authorities to make searching inquiry into the affair.

The Scottish Orphanage.—We are requested to notify that the net proceeds of the Concert at the [illegible] of the above institution, on the [illegible]ed to Rs. 606-6-0, which sum has been handed to the treasurer of the Orphanage. Thanks are due to the Gas Company and their manager for lighting the Town Hall free of charge.

Conviction and Sentence Reversed.—A few days ago a mucoadum of labourers in the employ of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company was sentenced by Mr. Fernandez, Full-power Magistrate of Ahmedabad, to three months' rigorous imprisonment for receiving a bribe of one rupee from a labourer. On the above conviction and sentence an appeal was presented on behalf of the accused to the Sessions Court. The Court, after going minutely into the case, reversed the conviction and sentence, and ordered the acquittal of the prisoner.

Sir John Strachey.—Since his arrival in Bombay by the last overland steamer, Sir John Strachey, accompanied by Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy has visited some of the principal places in the city, among others the Ali-Baug, Jejeebhoy Danjeebhoy's house, and other scenes of the "devastation and desecration" resulting from the Mahomedan riot of the 13th February last. During his short stay here Sir John had an interview on matters of state with the Nawab of Moradabad, who had come down to Bombay for that purpose a few days before the arrival of the mail steamer. The Nawab left Bombay soon afterwards.

The Recent Mahomedan Disturbance at Dakore.—The prisoners concerned in the recent Mahomedan affray at Dakore were tried before Mr. Grant, Full-power Magistrate of Kaira. They were twenty-five in number—of these 14 were Hindoos, and the remaining 11 Mahomedans. They were charged with rioting and disorderly behaviour. The magistrate upon the evidence convicted the prisoners and sentenced fourteen of them to one month's rigorous imprisonment each, eight to nine month's rigorous imprisonment each, one to nine months' rigorous imprisonment, one to six month's rigorous imprisonment, and one to receive eight stripes.

The Bombay Riots.—Our readers are aware that from the *Bombay Gazette* office has been issued a pamphlet on the Mahomedan Riots, giving an impartial and clear account of the events that happened in Bombay on Friday the 13th February and on the subsequent days. We have gone through these pages, which are as interesting as chapters in a sensational novel, though they are based upon facts, any one of which was open to contradiction by the apologists, either of the police or of the present feeble Government of Bombay. As compositions we rate very high the articles from the *Bombay Gazette* that are here reprinted, and we doubt whether there are many official or unofficial Englishmen in India who can write in a style so pleasing and with such wide command over the English language.—*Guzerat Mitra.*

Justice in the Baroda State.—A mofussil paper relates a story, and which, if true, illustrates what sort of justice is dispensed in the Gaekwar's Durbar. It appears that while the late Commission was sitting, a complaint was made before it against one Bulwuntrao Nirantar, the Kamdar of Wasnagar. The complaint was sent to the Baroda Durbar for investigation. The case was sent by the Maharaja to one Babajee Yeshwunt to be inquired into. Babajee decided that the complaint was groundless, and acquitted the Kamdar. The same evening the Gaekwar went to see Colonel Mead, who, in the course of conversation, happened to remember the case, and asked the Maharaja how far the inquiry had progressed, and was told by the Maharaja that the Kamdar was found guilty and sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. When Mulharao returned to his palace, he sent for Babajee, and ordered him to sentence the Kamdar to two years' imprisonment. Babajee intimated to H. H. that the man was already found innocent and acquitted, but the Maharaja informed him of his conversation with Colonel Mead, and peremptorily ordered him to punish the Kamdar. A new decision was prepared, and the poor man was sent to jail.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

The s.s. Pehlwan, 51 tons, Captain W. Pead, arrived in harbour on the 6th instant from Coast and Goa with a general cargo and one hundred deck passengers.

The barque Harold, 853 tons, Captain W. Smith, arrived in harbour on the 6th instant from Liverpool (November 3rd), with a cargo of 846 tons coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace & Co.

The P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Gwalior, 1 727 tons, Captain N. W. Haselwood, sailed yesterday for China &c. with China mail and the following cargo:—1,384 chests opium, 4,120 bales cotton, 109¼ owts. ivory, and sundries, and Mr. A. Allardyce as passenger for Galle.

The Ship C. N., 965 tons, Captain W. Wilson, arrived in harbour on the 6th instant from Calcutta (February 30th) with thirty deck passengers and the following cargo:—5 cases arrowroot, 2,225 bales gunnies, 498 bags sugar, 6 casks goods, 4 cases sundries, 82 bags China cubebs, 791 slates spelter, 704 bags rice, 22 cases paper, 21 packages hurtal, 11 bags coir, 87 cases patch leaves, 150 packages twine, 30 cases bangles, 10 bags cummin seed, 35 cases tobacco, 21 cases tea, 98 packages almonds, 600 tons coal, 100 casks rosin, 4 chairs, and sundries. The vessel is consigned to Hajee Jukeria Hajee Ahmed.

SPECIAL CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

RE-TRIAL OF THE SONAPORE RIOT CASE.

At the sitting of the Special Criminal Sessions yesterday morning the Advocate General proposed that the re-trial of the case against the Mahomedan and Parsee prisoners, in which the jury were unable to agree on Saturday last, should proceed that morning against the Parsee prisoners only, as it would be great saving of time to the jury: and he also proposed, unless the counsel for the prisoners objected, to include with the eight Parsees in case No. 3 the two Parsees in case No. 4, as the evidence against them was almost the same as that against the others, and save the time of the Court.

Mr. Mayhew said that with regard to the two prisoners for whom he appeared before, he understood that communications had passed between the attorneys who appeared for them and the Clerk of the Crown, the former stating that it would be impossible for them to have all their witnesses subpœned in time, and suggesting that it would be more convenient, inasmuch as the Mahomedans had no witnesses for their defence, their trial should be proceeded with first. With respect to the other suggestion, he was not disposed to raise any objection to their being tried along with the other two prisoners in case No. 4. The only thing to which he might direct his Lordship's attention was this that the prisoners in that case had been charged with other charges besides those with which the previous eight were charged. This would involve the necessity of putting the different charges clearly before the minds of the jury, but if his Lordship thought there would be no difficulty in doing that, then he did not object to letting the two prisoners take their trial with the other eight. It would of course save another trial hereafter.

The Advocate General said he understood that most of the witnesses for the defence were then in Court. Unless his learned friend was prepared to state by what time he would have his witnesses in Court, the Sessions could not be indefinitely adjourned.

Mr. Mayhew said that the *subpœnas* had not been issued till about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the previous day. He didn't desire that the Sessions should be indefinitely postponed, but simply to prevent any possibility of inconvenience. And inasmuch as the Court had to try the Mahomedans who needed no witnesses, there could be no objection to their case being taken first, and that of the Parsees afterwards. No inconvenience could accrue to the former, and there was a possibility of inconvenience accruing to the latter.

His Lordship ruled that the case should proceed. He did not think there could be any difficulty in summoning the witnesses, as the case for the prosecution would not be over till the next day.

The eight Parsees tried in the former case were then placed on their trial together with Pestonjee Merwanjee and Heerjeebhoy Merwanjee, the two prisoners in case No. 4.

The Advocate General with Mr. Lang and Farran appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Mayhew with Mr. Pherozshaw Mehta, appeard for prisoners Nos. 1, 3, 9, and 10; Mr Ferguson appeared for Nos. 3 and 4, Mr. Pherozshaw Mehta for Nos. 5 and 6; and Mr. Inverarity for Nos. 7 and 8.

The prisoners were charged with having on the 15th of February committed the offence of rioting, and with having assaulted police officers, caused grievous hurt, &c. There was also the additional charge that they were members of an unlawful assembly, and that force and violence were used in the prosecution of the common object of that assembly, that object being criminal intimidation.

The counsel for the defence took the same objection to the charges (that they were indefinite) that had been taken at the former trial. His Lordship took a note of the objection.

Next came the swearing of the jury. Here, as all the gentlemen of the special jury who had been summoned, except five, were challenged, it was impossible to proceed further with the case that day. The following is a list of the gentlemen who were challenged:—

Challenged by the counsel for the defence:—P. M. Pogo, A. H. Plunkett, C. W. Hawkins, W. Forest, H. C. Melver, Narayen Janardhunjee, Robert Clarke, Henry Conder, D. Watson, Babajee Cassinath, P. W. Robertson, James Dixon, and Fazulbhoy Cassumbhoy.

Challenged by the Advocate General:—Charles Carter, W. Gilbert, Javerilal Umeashunker, Byramjee Dadabhoy, Ardasir Cursetjee Parakh, W. Cooper, Cursetjee Rattonjee Cama, Babajee Cassinath, J. A. Forbes, Heerjeebhoy Merwanjee Wadia, and Ardaseer Framjee Moos.

The following gentlemen were allowed to be on the panel:—John Dixon, W. B. Fellowes, D. S. Kemp, J. A. Forbes (the first challenge being withdrawn) and Bashwunt Cristna Querkar.

When the list of jurymen was being gone through the second time, Mr. Ferguson contended that the Advocate General, having already challenged ten persons (the full number he was entitled to challenged), could not now repeat the challenges without showing cause. In support of this he cited the case of the *Queen v. Geach.* (8th Car and P.)

His Lordship ruled that the Advocate General had the right of making a peremptory challenge, and that therefore challenging a juryman a second time could not be considered a fresh challenge.

The Advocate General said that now, as the panel was exhausted, he would ask his Lordship either to require his learned friends to challenge for cause, or to adjourn the Sessions and summon the whole of the special jury panel (about 260). As an extreme case each of the prisoners might be tried separately, as that would limit the number of jurymen who could be challenged.

The Advocate General suggested that the trial of the Mahomedan prisoners might be proceeded with.

Mr. Branson said that he was only instructed for a few of the prisoners, and that Mr. Budrodeen, who appeared for the rest, was not in Court on account of a domestic affliction which had befallen him.

His Lordship then said that as both the General Sessions and the Koth Succession case commenced on Friday next, and it would be impossible for the Deputy Sheriff to summon the jury the next day, the best way would be to adjourn the Sessions for a fortnight, and if then an additional adjournment was required, it could be made.

The Court then adjourned till Tuesday the 21st instant.

DAVE CARSON'S MINSTRELS.

We would remind our readers that Mr. Carson's Minstrels make their first appearance this evening at the Grant Road Theatre. Few in Bombay are unacquainted with Mr. Carson. He is supported, as will be seen, by a strong Company, and to judge from the reception they have met with in Calcutta and the Mofussil, and the opinions of the press upon their performances, a good entertainment may be anticipated. The programme is lengthy and varied, and we observe that the old favourite, "The Bengalee Baboo," will relate his experiences in London. Mr. Carson has arrived, it would seem, at an opportune moment, there being no other attraction, in the way of public amusement, at present in Bombay.

CONCERT IN THE TOWN HALL IN AID OF THE BYCULLA SCHOOLS.

We request attention to an advertisement which appears in another column announcing that a concert will be given in the Town Hall on Thursday at half-past five o'clock in the evening, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, in aid of the funds of the Byculla Schools.

We are given to understand that two songs will be sung by the children of the Byculla Schools, whose vocal performances have been highly spoken of. The rest of the entertainment will be provided by some of the best known and most talented of the amateur vocalists and musicians of Bombay, who have kindly contributed their services on behalf of the Schools. The audience may be assured of a treat being afforded them on this occasion, and it is hoped that the public of Bombay will show their appreciation of the disinterested exertions of the lady to whose kind thoughtfulness the scheme is due, and of the willingness of the ladies and gentlemen who have so readily agreed to assist her in the undertaking, by patronizing the concert largely.

We think it should be mentioned here that at the close of last year there were 161 totally destitute orphans in the Byculla Schools maintained by the Education Society's funds, and that 60 other children were maintained in part. The charity is one therefore that deserves support. The following is the programme:—

Organ Solo, Coronation Anthem .....Handel.
The Miller's Daughter .....Nogel.
The Lark now leaves her watery nest
Duet, The Sailor sighs as sinks his native shore .....Bate.
To me discourse .....Bishop.
Flute Solo, Andante in F.....Beethoven.
soprano Solo, Ah bel Ombre .....Rossini.
Bonny Dundee .....Radegrigio.
Tenor Solo, Death of Nelson .....Braham.
Gypsies' Eve .....
Organ .....{Adagio .....Beethoven.
{Duetto Chorus, Israel in Egypt.....Handel.

WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING THE 2nd APRIL 1874.

General Remarks.—There has been slight rain in the northern districts of Madras; none in the southern; prospects are said not to be generally satisfactory. In the Bombay Presidency the harvest is either finished or rapidly drawing to a close; the out-turn appears to be generally good. There has been slight rain in most districts of Central Bengal and Behar during the fortnight, and heavy showers in the eastern districts; the cold-weather crops are being harvested with a better out-turn in many places than was expected. Preparations for the *aus* rice crop are being actively pushed forward, and promise well. The harvest has nearly ended in the districts of the Benares division of the North-Western Provinces. Relief works are not largely attended, except in Busteo, where the number of applicants is increasing (no report has been received from Goruckpoor); elsewhere they will probably be soon closed, except in South Mirzapore. In Banda there is no increase of distress, and the harvest is in progress; reports from all other districts are favourable. In Oudh also the harvest is going on, and new grain is plentiful. Prospects in the Punjab are good. In the Central Provinces the harvest has been gathered or is in progress; the out-turn is fair. In Berar the new grain has come in, and ploughing for rain crops is going on. In Rajputana and Central India the crops are being cut, and prospects are good. Reports from Mysore are fair, though there is some deficiency of water.

Distressed Districts.

Moorshedabad—There have been slight showers of rain in different parts of the district in the course of the first week. On the 17th March there was a fall of half but not so severe as that of the 9th idem. Slight rain has also fallen in the second week in thannahs Bharutpore, Jellingi and Nowda; days very hot but nights cool. The harvesting of the cold weather crops continues, and affords employment to a great number of people. Wheat and grain promise a very fair outturn. Boro rice progressing favorably and has been benefited by rains. Early rice is being sown on alluvial lands in the eastern parts of the district. At Huribarpurah, Nowda, and Jellingi, the prices of wheat, barley and grain have fallen considerably. Rice is also cheaper at Jungypore and Ramporehat, but stationary at headquarters.

Dinagepore—Clear weather with high west wind; a few clouds seemed gathering up in the latter part of the first week. In the second week a little rain at Nowabgunge and dry west winds blowing continually. Good outturn of boro rice is expected; bhadar or early rice sowing continues, and prospects are very good. Every promise of a good mango crop.

Maldah—Cloudy with duststorm and occasional drizzling in the first week; hot and dry with strong westerly wind afterwards; wheat, barley, and other cold weather crops are being harvested, and the outturn is turning out an average one as expected. Cheena (millet) also promises a fair yield. Boro paddy and mango crop still promise well. New wheat is being sold at 13 to 14 seers per rupee. Imports of rice and paddy at local markets decreasing and market rising.

Rajshahye—There was very slight rain in parts of the district; chiefly to the westward on the 17th March; also hail at Tanner, but not enough to do material damage. Khessaid and masoor (pulses) and linseed, barley, wheat and grain are being reaped, and the out-turn is a fair average one. Prices have been stationary except at Singrah, where rice is dearer.

Rungpore—Weather was cool with westerly winds, but there has been a considerable increase of heat latterly, which has however been tempered by steady breeze from the west and north-west. The weather has been pleasant for the time of the year. No rain has been reported; sugar cane and tobacco being reaped, the latter though partially damaged by hail, are good; wheat and barley and pulses are very good; cheena and kawni (millets) promise equally well. The early rice has been very extensively sown, and the crop is now considered secure; there will be also further sowings of early rice in the south-western parts of the district. In a comparatively small tract in that quarter between Gobindgunge and Kamdiyarhat, the sowings of early rice have been embarassed by the bad circumstances of the petty cultivators.

Bograh.—Dry and warm in the day time. The cutting of mustard has been completed; a 12 or 13 annas' outturn is estimated, and a similar outturn of sugarcane; cold-weather crops, such as mater (pulse) &c., are being gathered in; a fair average is expected.

Patna—Weather reasonable, with strong west winds, but a little cooler than usual at this time of the year. The cold-weather crops are now fast being cut and will soon be stored; they have yielded better than was at first expected.

Gya—Stormy weather at the beginning; afterwards fine with cool mornings and evenings. The weather for the harvest has been all that could be desired, and the gathering of the cold-weather crops may now be said approaching completion; ears of wheat are full, and a paying crop anticipated. In the Aurungabad sub-division the outturn is reported to be still better than was anticipated.

Shahabad—Cloudy and unsettled at the commencement; on the night of the 16th March there was a thunderstorm accompanied by rain, which appears to have fallen generally; weather clear afterwards with west wind and all that could be desired for the harvest, though it was variable during the latter week. Cold weather crops are being gathered in and promise an average outturn; cheena (millet) promising; rain and wind of the 16th slightly injured the mango crop but benefited the sugarcane. The rain was not heavy enough to do any material harm to the crops cut and stored in the farms.

Tirhoot.—Getting warmer; westerly wind prevailing. In the Madhoobani sub-division the cold-weather crops are being harvested; some damage done to crops by storm in the first week. In a few places moong (pulse) and cheena (millet) have been sown and plants are thriving; want of rain is much felt; moong (pulse) will yield a good harvest and to some extent mitigate the pressure of famine. In the Hajeepore sub-division the harvesting of the cold-weather crops has commenced, and as far as Hajeepore and Lalgunge go, a good crop is expected. Towards the north of the sub-division, especially about Shahpoor and parts of Mohowah, the outturn has disappointed every one. The crop looked much thicker before it was reaped than it has proved to be. In this part, the sub-divisional officer has commenced relieving isolated cases of distress, chiefly old people and children. There is abundance of work as yet for the agricultural and coolie classes. In the Seetamarhi sub-division no rain has fallen since last report, but a strong westerly wind prevailed, injuring the crops being reaped. Rahur and keras (pulses) and the cold-weather crops are being reaped, but the fields will not, the collector fears, yield as much as has been anticipated; the crops looked well in parts, but the yield is disappointing. In the Durbhunga sub-division mustard is being gathered, and also in places rahur (pulse); other crops are backward, save in the south of the sub-division; the remaining crops are insignificant. There was a heavy fall of rain in several parts of the sub-division in the first week, which must have benefited the cheena (millet). The rainfall at head-quarter was very slight. In the Tajpore sub-division the cutting of the cold-weather crops is going on. The sub-divisional officer sees no reason to alter his previous estimate of the outturn. There was some rain in this part of the district of benefit to moong (pulse) and cheena (millet); but mango blossom has been somewhat injured, tobacco being prepared. In the sudder sub-division there is no change in prospects of crops.

Saran—Cloudy with slight showers in the early part of the fortnight; weather afterwards dry and fine, and west wind prevailing. A fall of rain on the 16th March, accompanied by hail in several villages within the jurisdiction of Thannahs Chuprah, Manjhee and Masbrak, causing considerable damage to wheat, barley, poppy and mango blossoms. The bulk of the cold-weather crops has been gathered, the yield turning out better than was anticipated; spring crops and indigo coming on well; mango crop still promising; sugarcane being planted; moong (pulse) and paddy are being sown in low lands; opium weighment has commenced; new pulse and grain are coming into markets; prices steady.

Chumparun—East and west winds; hail on the 9th March reported towards Bagaha and Lowriah, also Gobindgunge. Prospects of the crops continue good; the hail did little damage except in the neighbourhood of Gobindgunge; cold-weather crops being harvested; high west wind causing some damage to the cheena (millet) crops.

Monghyr—Seasonable weather; the harvest of the cold-weather crops is general, and every available person is in the field; the outturn in Dourahi, as was expected, is quite up to the average; in some favored tracts an unusually good crop has been reaped. Taking high and low lands together, the outturn of the cold-weather crops may be calculated at 12 annas per crop, and between six and eight million maunds of grain will be secured to the districts; mango and mohwa crops unusually good.

Bhaugulpoor—No rain has fallen. Harvesting of the cold weather crops in full operation; return very good; mango and mohwa very promising.

Purneah—Seasonable and warm, wheat and grain being harvested; sowings for early and late rice are going on; the harvest of the cold-weather crops is a good one; sugarcane is being planted largely in parts of Arrareah sub-division; price of rice is stationary.

BENGAL FAMINE.

FOURTEENTH SPECIAL NARRATIVE OF THE DROUGHT IN BENGAL, FROM THE 20TH MARCH TO THE 2ND APRIL 1874.

The weather of the fortnight has been singularly favourable. There has been rain over a great part of Bengal Proper, where it was wanted for the early rice and for other early crops, and where it has enabled the people to occupy themselves in preparing the ground for the later crops. If, as is often the case in seasons like the present, rain continues to fall in Bengal from time to time during the next three months, all these early crops will do very well, and the early rice (September crop) will make a fair start. In Behar, where heavy rain would have done harm to the spring crops, very little has fallen, and the hail which fell in certain limited tracts did but little damage. The spring crops have thus been for the most part successfully harvested, and the little rain that fell did some good to the cheena (early millet) now in the ground. Now that the wheat, barley, and other spring crops have been nearly reaped, much will depend in Behar on whether we get good rain during April. The unfortunate tracts in Tirhoot which most suffered from the failure of the rice crops having little other crops to reap, still suffer from the continued want of rain, and their water-supply is beginning to fail. The people are now anxiously looking out for rain, not only for the petty crops on the ground, but also for a supply of water and grass, and to enable them to plough the land and sow indigo and some other crops. In Tirhoot the land has been so parched by continuous drought, that without copious rain during the next few weeks preparations for the next crop will be difficult and early sowings impossible.

In Western Bengal there has been little change of prices during the fortnight; in Calcutta, and over the greater part of Eastern Bengal, prices are somewhat easier than they were at the time of last narrative; but there has been a general rise of prices over the Rajshahye Division; in North Behar also common rice has become somewhat dearer during the fortnight. In Monghyr an abundant spring crop has brought prices down. The price of wheat, barley, maize, and other staples has not grown dearer during the fortnight, and the comparative steadiness of the price of these grains is some makeweight against the rise in the price of rice.

There is little to add to what was said in last narrative regarding the outturn of the spring crops. The harvest has been very good so far as it goes, and from more than one district it has been reported that the ears of wheat and barley are fuller than was expected. The early spring rice is doing well, and so also is the early millet (cheena) up to the present date. The reports of the last fortnight unfortunately give no ground for hoping that the spring crops of North Tirhoot will be fuller than was expected at the time of the last narrative. North Tirhoot and a small strip of North Chumparun are the only Behar tracts wherein the spring crops have not contributed largely to help the people through the difficulties of the present season. From two districts of East Bengal report was received that the heavy rain of the 23rd March had, to some extent, retarded agriculture. But subsequent open weather has remedied any temporary difficulty of this kind, and the early crops all promise well. The April crop of mulberry leaves, and the outturn of silk during that month, promise to be unusually good. In parts of Midnapore, Rajshahye, Moorshedabad, Beerbhoom, and some other districts, the April silk crop is of much importance to the ryots. The crop of mhowa flower which in the wilder parts of the country to the west forms a large part of the food

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES ABOUT COOMASSIE.

(Concluded from our yesterday's Issue.)

(Inclosure in No. 2.)

Tribee, February 2, 1874.

Sir—After the despatch of my letter of the 29th and 30th ultimo, a rapid retreat commenced in the whole Akim force. So universal was the panic that during the greater portion of the night bodies of men continued to move south, and early on the morning of the 31st Yancoma was reached and left behind. No attempt was made on the part of the Kings to excuse or explain their gross treachery, and I could elicit nothing more tangible than that they were too far advanced into Ashantee territory, and that they must be cut off before assistance could reach them.

My belief is that the statements of a blind Ashantee prisoner taken at Nansuah, coupled with a verbal message sent by King Attah of East Akim, the purport of which I was not made aware of, did much to induce the disgraceful flight.

In the hasty postscript to my letter of the 30th ultimo I had only time to make you acquainted with the fact of the retreat.

No previous warning—no intimation whatever—had been given to me that it was the intention of the Kings and chiefs to abandon Akina; indeed, up to the very moment that the retreat began I was moving through the camps, endeavouring to get the Akims to move to Dadiasso *en route* to Amoaful, and I had actually engaged a party of hunters to proceed through the bush to the main line near the latter place. Yet so complete was the flight that within two hours not a man was left in Akinee, and long before midnight every Akim was beyond the Eonoou river, ten miles distant. All this without a reverse having taken place, and after a loss of only two killed and two wounded in the entire force.

I cannot express to you the feelings with which I beheld this total break up of the movement. Little by little, step by step, I had succeeded in leading these savages to within a very trifling distance of the point aimed at.

It is true that there were many indications of how utterly untrustworthy was the composition of the force under my command; but, nevertheless, at Akina I naturally looked at the task as all but accomplished, and my junction with the main body at Amoaful, within a few miles of Coomassie, as only a question of some hours. Encumbered with baggage, without carriers, save those given me by the Kings, and with three of my officers sick from actual fever or its recent presence, I dared not await at Akinee the chance of communication from the main body. I had to abandon the fruits of no little labour at the moment success seemed most assured.

The Kings, with about a quarter of the original force, are now encamped close to the Prah at Embroncn; they have refused to move to Prahsu. The remainder of the men are scattered or dispersed to their homes.

I will proceed to head-quarters with all speed, and afterwards be ready to undertake such punishment as the Major-General may determine to inflict upon the Akim chiefs.

Captain Paget has had a relapse of fever. He proceeds with carriers to Prahsu.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. F. BUTLER, Captain.

To the Chief of the Staff. W. F. B.

(No. 3.)

Sir G. Wolseley to the Earl of Kimberley (received March 7.)

(No. 40.) Head-quarters, Camp Amoaful, Feb. 8, 1874.

My Lord—I have the honour to enclose copies of two reports which have just arrived from Captain Glover. Your lordship will perceive that the last is dated January 28, eleven days ago, and that Captain Glover speaks of being then within twenty miles of Coomassie.

I am making every effort to send him news of our success, and orders to fall back behind the Prah. I have offered large rewards to messengers if they succeed in reaching him, and have sent to him by several different routes. In any case, in the utterly crushed state of the Ashantee forces, I have every hope that Captain Glover will be able to hold his own against any army they could bring against him, and, at the worst, he certainly will be able to secure his own retreat.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. J. WOLSELEY.

Major General and Administrator, Gold Coast.

(Enclosure 1 in No. 3.)

ABOGOO, JAN. 21, 1874.

Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatches, dated December 31, 1873, January 8, January 13, and your Excellency's communication of the 14th instant.

2. My entire force of Houssas and Yorubas, which are capable of being brought to the front, are now up as per state enclosed, and Mr. Ponsonby, R.N., joined head-quarters on 18th, and Dr. Rowe on the afternoon of 19th inst.

3. Yesterday came up 23 boxes of Snider and 20 boxes of Enfield ammunition, 2 cases of rockets, and 1 trough.

4. This afternoon came in other loads, completing spare ammunition, 458 spare rounds Snider for 350 men and 55 spare rounds Enfield for 500 men, one 7 pounder gun, and 15 charges for ditto, 4 troughs, and 72 rockets.

5. To-morrow I am expecting 2 boxes containing fuses, friction tubes, slow-match, &c., 4 cases of shot for 7-pounder guns, 16 cases of shell (common), 5 cases of double shell, 17-pounder gun, and 7 cases of charges for 7-pounders.

6. I regret to have to report that I received yesterday the news of the death of Dr. Paule, R.N., who died at Assoom of fever and jaundice, followed by dysentery, on the 19th inst. The loss of this officer is ve[illegible]

[illegible] pushed out [illegible] villages of Bangsu and [illegible] and left near nothing was seen, [illegible] force being occupied in unroofing and [illegible] boiling houses and cutting patrol paths through forest around village.

9. To-day Captain Larcom, R. N., and Lieutenant Barnard, 19th Regiment, with 100 men, examined country ten miles on left rear, burning two deserted villages, and King of East Akim drove out the enemy from Bangsu, a village eleven miles on left flank, which he burned, having four men wounded. To-morrow Lieutenant Barnard, in command of 150 Houssas and Yorubas, with Mr. Ponsonby, in charge of rocket party and 300 Akims, will occupy Bargens, and day after to-morrow move upon Jaashu for the purpose of dislodging the enemy from that place, and opening communication with Captain Butler, whose force cannot be more than four hours to the westward, in neighbourhood of Atchey asswah.

10. Jaashi, like this place is five hours distant from Conomo, which will be occupied by force not later than 25th or 26th, and is three from Coomassie or Daubin. I calculate approximately the position of this place to be in latitude 6 deg. 30 min, N., and 57 deg. 30 min. W.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN H. GLOVER,
Special Commissioner.

His Excellency Major-General Sir G. Wolseley.

(Enclosure 2 in No. 3.)

Jan. 28, 1874.

Sir—Since date of my last despatch to your Excellency of the 21st instant, Lieutenant Barnard, having with him Mr. Ponsonby, R.N., who was in charge of rocket troughs and 160 Houssas and Yorubas, with 200 Akims, occupied Bangsu, and the next day drove out the enemy from Jaashu, ten miles south-west of this place; casualties, nil. 25th, 200 Akims more despatched to attack a small village to left rear were repulsed; loss of 2 killed and 4 wounded, 20 Akims only being engaged, the rest retreating Akims reporting that from loudness of the guns they believed the village to be occupied by Cobrah Fuah's army (Western Akim), and requested Lieutenant Barnard some Houssas; but fearing an attack from this place, which was known to be occupied by the enemy, Lieutenant Barnard sent only a bugler and four men with a red English flag. The men reported that the Akims could not be induced to proceed more than a mile, and on their return were only prevented from bolting to Abogoo by a rocket being driven down the road to head them back. The next day Lieutenant Barnard was to have effected a junction with me at this place at one p. m., so was compelled to leave Assufoo. He left Jaashi at ten a.m., but did not reach this place until 3.30 p.m., and carried it after fifteen minutes' firing.

Mr. Ponsonby was hit by a spent ball, which caused him to fall; also two Houssas hit, one seriously. The enemy held the bush or border of the village for about five minutes, until dislodged by two rockets, when they retreated in direction of Coomassie or Jusbin.

In the meantime I had left Abogo at seven a.m., and forming junction with 100 men under Captain Sartorius who had left the day previous and encamped two and a half hours in advance, I proceeded for Conomo, three miles due east of this place. It was quite dark when we arrived within a mile of this place, and I encamped, intending to attack at daybreak, but a reconnaissance made by the King of Eastern Akim and twenty men found it deserted, and it was immediately occupied by his force—about 400 men.

On the 27th I moved to this place, leaving Dr. Rowe and 200 Houssas and Yorubas with King of Akim to prevent Akim force from going off in sudden panic. The King himself is brave, so is his general, and perhaps 100 out of 700 of the entire Akim force with me.

Captain Butler does not inform me of his line of march after crossing Prah, and the few Ashantee prisoners with me give no information. The slaves taken know nothing except the road from the farm they work on to the village in which they are taken. I cannot get the Akims to reconnoitre, so that unless Captain Sartorius should succeed in getting this despatch to Captain Butler, I do not know how I shall effect communication with your Excellency.

I am awaiting reinforcements of Aquapims with spare ammunition, also King of Crobo with a large force, all of whom are within three or four marches of us being in lat. 6 deg. 38 min. N. and lon. 1¼ W. fifteen or twenty miles from Coomassie or Juabin.

From such information as I can gather, the enemy will oppose my crossing the river at Assoom, six hours from this.

Excepting "Abogoo," every place occupied has been found swept of sheep and fowls, consequently my force has been living on yam and plaintains for the last seven days, and the officers have no preserved meat up of any description.

One of my messengers was robbed and flogged by some West India soldiers, consequently the Akims at Assoom refuse to convey letter, and I am too far in advance to influence them.

I shall endeavour to get duplicate of this and previous one of the 21st instant sent to your Excellency by rout south of Prah.

Enclosed is a copy of Lieut. Barnard's (19th Regiment) report of attack and occupation of this place, Odumassie.

It is with much pleasure that I bring to the notice of your Excellency the conduct of Lieutenant Barnard (19th Regiment), a most promising and indefatigable young officer, Captain Sartorius, in command of the advanced force which carried Abogoo, brought to my notice his gallant bearing on that occasion; and he displayed great discretion and judgment while in command of the column which I found in possession of the place yesterday. I therefore hope your Excellency will remember Lieutenant Barnard's gallant conduct on this second occasion when this campaign is finished.

I take the opportunity of bringing to the notice of your Excellency the invaluable assistance which I have received from Captain Sartorius, 6th Bengal Cavalry.

It was entirely owing to his indefatigable exertions and great personal influence, that the Croboes and Aquapims were induced to move on the Volta when they did, thereby showing the Accras, and enabling me, with the assistance of Dr. Rowe on the seaboard to cross a large force of 17,000 men over the Volta by the 27th December, nor could any force have reached the Prah on 15th inst. but for the amount of pressure put upon the King and Chiefs of Eastern Akim by Captain Sartorius. I shall, on another occasion, bring this officer's service more fully to the notice of your Excellency, trusting that you will forward them to the Secretary of State for India.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN H. GLOVER,
Special Commissioner.

His Excellency Major-General Sir G. Wolseley.

THE GREAT WORLD IN FRANCE.

BOUDOIR CONSPIRACIES.

On the 16th of this month "little Isidore," as he is by some called, Napoleon IV. or the Prince Imperial by others, will attain the ripe age of eighteen and be eligible to rule over the forty million French souls as soon as these souls, or the greater number of them, see fit to allow him. We have all read M. le Duc de Padoue's stirring appeal to the Bonapartists to be up and doing on this 16th, and M. de Broglie's counter appeal to such of the Bonapartists as draw Government salaries to hold their peace and stay at home on that same date. But though M. de Broglie will be obeyed by the clerks and sub-prefects—in fact, by all the small fish who are not strong enough to slip through the meshes of a circular—the trains to the north coast will not the less be full on the 15th, and the Calais, Boulogne, and Dieppe packets will be redolent with bouquets of that Imperial flower, the violet; and Kentish folk will see the Bonapartist working man in great force, and the veterans who served under the First Napoleon toiling along in their cylindrical shakos and faded swallow-tails of a bygone age, and the maimed Imperial guardsmen who bled at Magenta and will shed tears at sight of "little Isidore," like trusty fellows as they are; and the woman who trudged on foot all the way from the Pyrenees, with her child in her arms, to salute the rising hope of France; and the village mayors who find that the crops and vintages have all failed since that accursed 4th of September; and the Parisian tradesmen whose ledgers have no sympathy with Republican institutions—all these loyal persons will file over the lawn of Camden Place under the beaming eyes of M. de Padoue above-named, and of M. Rouher, looking unutterably patriarchal in his velvet skull-cap. It will be an affecting sight, for no unpleasant wizard will be present to conjure up that [illegible] Army of two million dead whom the First Na[illegible] by frost, fire, and sword, for [illegible] nor the men shot down in [illegible]ol, nor the skeletons whose [illegible]venne and Lambessa, nor that [illegible]egions might fill many a special [illegible]in brave numbers through the Chi[illegible]that army of men who set out for [illegible]d lay down to rest half way at Woerth, [illegible] Sedan. None of these obtrusive people [illegible]he way, for where Bonapartists are concern[illegible]anizing processions you may trust them to do everything with most artistic effect. Committees at work recruiting pilgrims and classing them by age, garb, and calling; committees buying up violets and getting velum addresses engrossed; committees paying railway fares and tavern bills for such pilgrims as cannot afford to be loyal at their own expense; committees showering potographs of "little Isidore," *appel au peuple* cards, Napoleonic songs, tracts, almanacs, biographies by the million over the country—these are the agencies by which deputations get to be bigger and bigger, like snowballs on the roll. Add to this that pretty ladies are at work recruiting pilgrims of the well-dressed sort embroidering banners, making baskets of those odorous imitation violets in satin, and getting up subscriptions for overwhelming the young prince with birthday presents of a more solid kind. At first there was a plan for centralizing all subscriptions and buying something grand in the way of plate or jewellery; but it was sensibly decided that if one committee presented a gold watch, another a dressing-case, a third a sword with a hopeful inscription on its blade, and so forth, the *coup d'œil* in the room where these gifts were laid out would be finer. So we beg to introduce a ladies' committee managed by Mdme. la Princesse d'Austerlitz and by Mdmes. de Sabretache, de Pomponnette, and de Lestinecile, which proposes to offer Napoleon IV. a charger and saddle, to the presumable end that he may ride thereon in triumph should he ever decide to land at Cannes like his grand-uncle, or at Boulogne like his father.

Now it is all very well for the Princess d'Austerlitz to spend her leisure in political conspiracy, for her husband was a great dignitary under the late reign, and cannot be expected to look with the eye of favour upon a régime which counts him for nothing. The Princess is rich too, and powerful; few people dare to snub her; and to arrest either herself or her husband, as is done with dangerous persons who bawl "Vive l'Empereur!" in the streets, would be out of the question. Besides, her husband approves of her conspiring, and that is enough. But the case is somewhat different with Mdme. de Sabretache, whose husband, poor Colonel Sabretache, has no taste for plotting against established Governments under pretence of buying chargers. This M. Sabretache loved the Emperor of course—he was paid and promoted to do so; but he likes MacMahon too, and has accepted the command of a regiment from him, with a friendly shake of the hand and an exhortation to be faithful. The shake of the hand from the Marshal was in particular very gratifying to Colonel Sabretache, and at heart he cannot really see that France is so much the worse for the exit of the Bonapartes. His cigars taste as well as they did formerly, his absinthe has not deteriorated, and as to the scarcity of balls and parties, of which Mdme. de Sabretache so piteously complains, the Colonel is ready to swear that Madame does not spend six evenings at home throughout the winter season, and that her dressmaker's bills have by no means kept step with the alleged diminution of trade profits. So it ruffles the feelings of this man of duty to find his wife driving about Paris all day with subscription lists in her hands, returning home jaded for dinner with piles of muslin or satin violets in her brougham, and dashing away again before dessert is fairly on the table to vote resolutions round the tea-tray in Mdme. d'Austerlitz's boudoir. Then he meets curious forms of strangers on the staircase—seedy men putting coins into their pockets—and learns that these are earnest Bonapartists in reduced circumstances, who would pine miserably if their journey to Chiselhurst was not paid for them. Moreover, going out one morning he notices a queer looking person pacing on the pavement, and guesses by the cut of him that he must be a detective set to watch the house. This, however, is too much to be borne, and with a flaming face Colonel Sabretache turns back, clambers up his staircase, and intercepts his wife just as she is sallying forth bravely attired, gloved, and bonneted. "Where are you going, my dear?" he asks, with the air of a man who is determined to show all the moral courage there is in him for once in a way. "Oh, don't stop me, please," answers the lady with a busy gesture; "it is to-day we are going to see the charger we've bought; such a beauty you never saw—all white with a pink-nose." "I don't see the use of that pink-nosed charger," answers the colonel, with reckless emphasis, as he takes up his position on the hearthrug. "Not see the use of him? Why, he's meant to ride on, and will have a purple velvet saddle-cloth!" exclaims Mdme. de Sabretache, her blue eyes circling with astonishment: "he's the horse that Napoleon IV. will mount when he comes back to save this nation!" "But, my dear," responds the colonel, stamping his foot to make him feel himself more valiant, "do you think France depends for her safety on a boy of eighteen?" "Boy of eighteen!" pouts Mdme. de Sabretache, as if here now were a blasphemy such as she had never heard before. "Why, I am surprised at you; he is the rightful master of you and me and all of us; and he is a most lovable boy, with eyes just like his mother's." "Yes, his mother is a charming person and so is he, and they're a charming family," ejaculates the colonel impatiently; "but it comes to this—I don't want to be cashiered as a conspirator. There's a detective down below, and one of these days you may find half a dozen of them upstairs. Pay your subscription for this horse if you like, but as to your going to see him, I—I—in fact, I won't have it." These are courageous words, and an agitating silence follows their delivery. Then Mdme. de Sabretache throws herself on the sofa, in tears, most natural under the circumstances, and very bitter, is heard sobbing, "I know what is, you want to break my heart; but I'll go into a convent and never be seen again. I cannot live to face the day when all the little boys will point their fingers at you in the streets, and say, 'That's the man who was unfaithful to his Emperor!'" The colonel casts a mild expletive in the direction of the coal scuttle, and stalks out routed. A few minutes later Madame, having dried her eyes, speeds away, not towards the convent, but to see the pink-nosed charger as if nothing had happened.

The colonel, however, though repulsed with ignominy as a man must needs be who meddles in matters too high for him—the colonel strides off to Tortoni's, and there meets his friend Colonel Pomponnette sadly chewing a *londres*, and looking as melancholy as himself. Pomponnette and Sabretache are both in the same predicament: that is, Pomponnette has been smitten, too, hip and thigh in trying to stare that pink-nosed gift horse in the mouth; and the two, comparing notes, look as dejected a pair of troopers as any to be seen in Paris. So dejected, in truth, that young Colonel de Cassecarreau, coming in to breakfast and happening to catch sight of them, laughs, accosts them, and inquires pleasantly, "What's up?" There is no reason why these two colonels should conceal anything from Cassecarreau. He is a man of the world, very companionable and, though he did rise so fast to his colonelcy through drawing-room influence, he is just the man to give valuable advice as to how ladies should be managed. So Sabretache and Pomponnette pour out their dismal souls to him, omitting nought nor setting down aught in malice; but sighing frequently in the pauses of their narration, as if all their words were so many grinder teeth being drawn. Cassecarreau laughs anew, and says:—"Do you really want to prevent those ladies from ever dabbling in politics again? If you do, I'll furnish you an infallible specific." Both the colonels declare they would pay francs unnumbered for the specific, and hereat Cassecarreau suggests a breakfast upstairs to arrange everything in secret and carefully. The breakfast takes place, and a long, cheery one it is. The waiter flushing in and out with the dishes can overhear the words "Vincennes," "imprisonment," "terror," "tears," &c., and the three colonels appear to grow merrier and merrier over these unmirthful substantives. Nothing can exceed the hilarity of their features as they separate by-and-by on the steps of Tortoni's, Cassecarreau saying, "Leave it all to me, and the other two replying, "*Au revoir, à minuit.*"

That night towards twelve o'clock Mdme. de Sabretache coming home from Mdme. d'Austerlitz's is in good spirits and a forgiving mood, for she noticed that her husband was humble, not to say penitential, during dinner, offering no further objections to the pink-nosed horse and leaving her quite free as usual to spend her evening where she pleased. If he were at home, she would generously pardon him for his unmanly outburst in the morning, but he happens to be out, and she is just conning over the indulgent things she will say to him on his return, when she is startled by an ugly knock at the door. A most peremptory knock it is, sharp and short, a thing calculated at midnight to make one's blood stop. All the servants are gone to bed except Madame's maid so it is this timid young person who goes to open the door on the flat, and as soon as she has turned the key utters a panic-stricken shriek. At the same time four bearded men, stepping through the vestibule, pass into Madame's room, and the foremost of them says lifting his hat, "Madame, we arrest you in the name of the law." "Arrest me!" gasps Mdme. de Sabretache, her tongue cleaving to her palate in very horror. "Arrest you for conspiring the overthrow of the Government—that is, for treason," continued the bearded man, firmly. "You will please to come with us at once, for we have orders to convey you to Vincennes." To attempt to describe the ghastliness of that scene would be a vain work. If fainting could be of any use, Madame would swoon at once; if screaming could avail, she would throw open the windows and awaken the neighbourhood; but the four bearded men will not so much as let her change her dress. She must wrap herself up warm, and come off to the cab downstairs without a moment's loss of time: those are the orders, and Madame obeys the orders in a state of collapse which would rend the hearts of any four real detectives who had to convey so pretty a woman to a fortress. Happily these are not real detectives, but disguised officers, friends of that ingenious Colonel Cassecarreau's; and right, well they play their parts when the cab has landed Mdme. de Sabretache at a small house near the Vincennes fort, and when she is conducted upstairs to be interrogated by three other officers in full uniform and spectacles. These officers do not conceal from her that it is M. de Broglie's fixed purpose to send her to the Island of St. Marguerite in punishment for her seditious doings; but they admit that she may yet be freed if her husband will go bail for her being of good behaviour for the rest of her days. Here might be a triumphant opportunity for poor Colonel Sabretache to decline going bail for any such thing until tears and supplications had softened his heart; but he was equal to the occasion at once and chivalrously consents. He pretends to have hastened after his wife with post speed as soon as he had heard of her arrest; and it is a pathetic spectacle enough when the honest fellow puts his pen to paper, and signs a declaration that his wife shall never more disobey him. The officers, however, stipulate for something more than this. They feel bound to warn Madame that if she divulges aught of this matter the Government will arrest her again, less the rumour of their ill-timed leniency should act as a perilous incentive to other rebels.

But there is no fear of Madame's betraying the secret, nor will Mdme. de Pomponnette, whose night has been made hideous by a similar adventure, betray it. We add with some concern that since this gloomy affair the cause of "little Isidore" has lost two most energetic supporters.—*Pall Mall Budget.*

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